

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late Arrival), Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr, Councilmember Eugene Kennedy (Late Arrival), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr. (Late Arrival), Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Jerry Maldonado-Department of Environmental Resources

- The purpose of the bill is to require a County or Municipality to adopt and implement certain laws and ordinances to establish a Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and enact and implement a certain system of charges to include a Stormwater Remediation Charge.
- Municipalities with certain limits on population size
- County Municipality Mutual Cooperation is Important to meet the deadline of July 2013.
- The system must be in place by July 1, 2013. The bill will allow the County to charge a fee.
- There is a limitation on the municipality to operate on Phase I with number of residents of 100,000 or greater. He stated that it is benefit to join the County. There will be a fee charged for water quantity.
- The County role is to develop a watershed protection and restoration program will establish policies and procedures
- Establish a Stormwater Remediation Fund (SWRF)
- The SWRF will be a separate charge from any current charges that the county or municipality collects
- There are 23 municipalities are under NPDES Phase II permit since 2003

- On April 14, 2003 the MDE issued an NPDES Phase II General Permit to the 23 Municipalities
- He stated that the bill addresses development and redevelopment. The NPDES permit will require the county to restore the work.
- The purpose for joining the county is to have the county be financially responsible
- They must set a list of guidelines for the fund, an inspection program
- Samuel Wynkoop clarified the questions that the Mayor asked on the inspection fee.
- Jeff Dehan, Assistant Associate Director of Environmental Resources stated that he will forward the presentation.
- Mayor Grant stated that the municipalities should have a seat at the table on the discussion regarding Storm Water Management Program, fees and licensing.
- Mr. Ashton wanted to know when the form is due to the County regarding the City's interest to participate in the program.
- Mr. Maldonado stated that some of the municipalities have submitted the forms to them already.
- It is important to have the document to the department by October 22, 2012 regarding the intent to partner with the county.
- The County will put out the required standards to the general public.
- Mayor Grant wanted to know the effect the bill has on properties with water springs under the property.
- Mr. Maldonado stated that we need to have Paul Desousa will come out to inspect the properties with the water springs.
- They stated that they would check to see if the municipalities can have a seat at the table during the discussion for implementation of the procedures.

2.2. Koko Barnes

- Mrs. Barnes stated that they could not come up with another farmer and she suggested that they make the month of October be a festive month, such as Oktoberfest.
- She stated that she will have two people to come that will sell items and hair care products.
- The farmer had dropped out of the market two weeks ago and stated that he is willing to come back next year, if the market will take place.
- She stated that they will have the youth garden vendor and will continue with the market.

- She stated that they wanted to have music and the market personnel had agreed to allow the monies to be paid to the SPCDC to pay for the music.
- Councilmember Higgs stated that he was not aware that the Farmer had dropped out two weeks ago. He feels that the Council should have been made aware of the changes with the market.
- Councilmember Higgs recommended that we discontinue the market as opposed to changing the concept of the market.
- Councilmember Porter stated that he was not aware of the farmer dropping out.
- Ms. Barnes stated that she had spoken out of term regarding the Council President being aware of the farmer dropping out. She stated that he was at the market when the farmer did not show up.
- Councilmember Simms stated that she agrees with her colleague to discontinue the market. She stated that if the individuals wanted to contribute the cost for the music they could cash their checks and pay for the music, if they wanted too. She stated that she is aware of the fact that we started late this year, but starting early will give a better opportunity for next year.
- Councilmember Porter stated that he feels that we need to start back up in early spring. He stated that he feels that the time should be spent cleaning up the area and securing the equipment that was provided for the market. He stated that we need to find the appropriate place to store the equipment. He would rather see a harbor station.
- Ms. Barnes stated that she wanted to get an understanding as the direction of the farmers market to include selling of wares and not just fruits and vegetables.
- Councilman Porter stated that the market does not need to consist of fruits and vegetables only.
- Councilman Porter stated that the garage on the site needs to be cleaned out to allow the storage of the tables that had been donated to the City. He was talking about storing the fruit stand table.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that we need to have a conversation with Mr. Thompson regarding the building to see if the structure is sound.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1.1. Police Chief Contract-

- Mr. Ashton stated that it is two areas for the Council to decide. The first is if they want to hire the chief under a contractual basis. If the Council desires to hire the chief under terms of the contract. They will want to look at the following areas in the contract 3. Term; 4. Performance Evaluations, 5. Termination and Severance, 6. Salary, 7. Sick Leave, 8. Vacation Leave.
- He stated that the Human Resources Officer provided a memorandum regarding the contract. She feels that the contract should be in accordance to the Personnel Rules and Regulations Manual.
- The Council agreed to have a Special Meeting on Monday, October 8, 2012 to review and discuss the proposed contract.
- Mayor Grant stated that a contract can be beneficial for both the candidate and the City. He stated that contract with Department Heads are very common.
- Mayor Grant stated that the candidate has requested a \$75,000 salary with a \$5,000 bonus.

3.1.2. Nomination of Council President-

- Councilmember Higgs nominated Councilmember Porter for the Council President.
- Councilwoman Stephenson nominated herself for the Council President.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to close the nomination. The motioned carried.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1.1. Resolution R-13-08 A Resolution to Support the Municipal Collaboration's FY 2013 Community Legacy Application was introduced by the City Council on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve Resolution R-13-08. The motion carried. It was unanimously passed.

FOR: Higgs, Kennedy, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson, and Yeargin

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. ANNOUNCEMENT

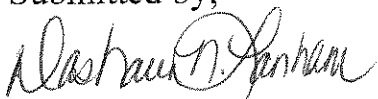
5.1.1. MML Fall Conference, Thursday, October 4,- Saturday, October 6, 2012, Hagerstown, MD

5.1.2. Public Session, Monday, October 8, 2012, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

- 5.1.3. Congresswoman Donna Edwards, 4th Annual College and Career Fair, Saturday, October 13, 2012, Sports & Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Rd, Landover, MD from 8:30a.m.-1:00p.m.
- 5.1.4. Ward II Health Fair, Friday, October 19, 2012, Pleasant Homes Community Center, 6810 Greig St., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 from 12:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
- 5.1.5. Ward II Crime Prevention Training, Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Pleasant Homes Community Center, 6810 Greig St., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 5.1.6. Presidential Debate Party, Senator Benson Office, 1101 Mercantile La., Largo, MD, Wednesday, October 3, 2012 6:00p.m.

ADJOURN-The meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham

City Clerk